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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of the following amendment to the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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8	State and Local Elements
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Adds and modifies various projects from local, state and federal funding programs. This amendment programs includes projects from various funding programs including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009. The amendment programs funding from the Recovery Act- Federal Lands Highway Program, Recovery Act-Transportation Enhancement Program, Recovery Act-Regional Surface Transportation Program, High Priority Program, and Highway, Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B).

See enclosure.

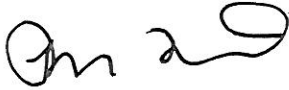
TCAG has certified that the amendment is financially constrained, meet the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by TCAG and all applicable transportation planning requirements per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation Part 450 and satisfies the applicable air quality conformity requirements.

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Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve TCAG's Amendment Number 8. I also recommend that Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Joanne McDermott, of my staff, at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,



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Chief
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Enclosures

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